



MAY GARDEN GAZETTE 2014

Next Planning and scheduling meeting is **May 20 at 6:00pm at the Ute Shelter** in Deming Park. Ute Shelter is next to the Patriotic, Butterfly and Herb Gardens. This is a carry in meal to honor the graduating Intern Class. Family is welcome. Last names beginning with A thru M bring Vegetable or Salad. Last names beginning N thru Z bring Fruit or Dessert. There will be no education time at this meeting.

Planning and scheduling meeting April 15, 2014, 6:30pm, Dobbs Park.

Education time: Vice President Bob Archer introduced our speaker Jan Creedon, the Curator of the Native American Museum at Dobbs Park. The park is operated by the Terre Haute City Parks. The Museum opened in 1994 and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday. Mrs. Creedon shared some Native American stories with us about three sisters (sunflowers, beans and squash plus corn) and how Native Americans used plants to treat injuries and illnesses. She said that the park maintains a butterfly garden and a Native American heirloom garden. Volunteers are welcome to help with the gardens. Scouts often help. We took a few minutes to look at the exhibits in the museum. Educational time earned was .75 hour.

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order.

Minutes: published in the Gazette. Sam noted one correction to the minutes. They said that Sam had told about Jane Morse's reading group making a donation

to the giving Garden, but it was Bob Archer who announced the donation. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Recording Secretary Carole Dreher passed around an attendance sheet.

Vice President Bob Archer noted that there will be no speaker in May as the group will meet at Deming Park for a carry-in and intern graduation. In June we will have a garden tour with a meeting to follow at Bill Hiatt's house.

Corresponding Secretary Verna Gaskin checked to see if everyone was receiving emails and the Gazette.

Treasurer Pat Youman reported the balance in our account. She said that we paid Stadler \$255 to review the documents that had been prepared to send to the IRS for reinstatement of our tax exempt status. After review and update the documents were sent to the IRS with a \$850 payment via registered mail with the confirmation to be sent to the Extension Office. It could take as long as 9 months for this process. Pat also said that she had received a donation of \$205 from Jane Morse's reading group to be used for the Giving Garden.

COMMITTEES:

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter presented badges for the first quarter of the year to ten members: Certification to Amy Good; Advanced to Anita Criss, Mike Sekerak, Jane Santucci, Bob Jenkins, Mary Ellen Hlatko, and Cindy Little; Bronze to Roger Tonsfeldt; Gold 1000 to Carol Swearingen and John Hilderbrand.

Giving Garden: Verna said that she had received a message from Greg Fields in which he stated that he has planted additional plants: broccoli, cabbage, etc. He also said that the tomatoes for the Herb Faire are quite small, around six inches tall.

Flower Beds: Head Bedkeeper Bill Hiatt said that there has not been much activity in the Patriotic Garden. He said if members are in the park they are encouraged to pull a weed or two. Carol Swearingen keeps a schedule of persons

who volunteer to help in the garden and she will plan to pass it around at the May meeting.

Old Business

Earth Day Activities: Bob Archer said that he and Yvonne Russell will wander the ISU event and likely hang out with the Trees people. Verna Gaskin and Debi Gansz are scheduled to take care of this, but both will be out of town so Pat Youman will be in charge. Verna said that things are under control.

Matter in Motion: This event took place on March 22, 2014. Sharon Polge said she had a lot of help. They helped make 50 peanut butter bird feeders and ran out of peanut butter, but it was a nice day. Members were asked if anyone knows where the sign that Yvonne Russell had made up was because it is missing. Someone said that it may be in the trailer. We will have to check.

New Business

Herb Faire will be held on May 10th. Verna went to the Rockville Plant Auction. The weather was poor that day. She will be going back to get some more for the Herb Fair. She plans to get 20 to 25 hanging baskets. She will send out a notice for help via email.

Bill Hiatt said that our Garden Tour will take place on June 21, 2014. Starting time is around 1:00pm depending on location of gardens to be toured. The committee is Bill, Debbie Lazzell, Brenda Kirchner and Ruth Johnson. If anyone is willing to offer their garden as part of the tour, please let one of them know.

Ruth Johnson showed a sample of a garden flag that we intend to use for a Vigo County Fair project. She said that we could use donations of acrylic paint if anyone has some. We are also looking for 4 inch clay flower pots to paint and bauble to be used in the making of stepping stones – marbles, jewelry, pieces of pottery, etc.

There was some discussion about how to maintain our tax exempt status in the future. We had to fill out a longer form this year, but next year we should be able to send a postcard. Sam asked Paula Wilson to establish a time line for filing for

the tax exempt status. We may want to assign this responsibility to the Finance Committee. Pat Youman said one form is due in April and another by May 15. Bill Hiatt reported that so far only 16 people had signed up to go on a planned trip to gardens in Indianapolis on June 28th. We will need at least 40 persons to sign up. We will also need payments ahead of time to reserve a bus.

Announcements: Bob Archer said that he would be offering boat rides on the Wabash River to interested members on May 30 and 31st. Rides will start at 10:00am and go from Fairbanks Park to Kearns Landing. He will be able to take five persons at a time or 10 an hour. The weather and water level must be right for the rides to take place. He will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting. It would be nice to have one or more persons to take participants to and from the Park to the Landing.

Next Meetings:

- Board meeting, May 1, 2014, Vigo Co. Public Library, Room C, 6:00pm.
- Planning and Scheduling Meeting, Wednesday, May 20, 2014, Ute Shelter in Deming Park, **6:00pm**. This will be a carry-in and guests are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 36 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary

WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 1, 2014, 6:00pm, Vigo county Public Library, Room C

President Sam Ligget called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Members in attendance: Sam Ligget, Bob Archer, Carole Dreher, Verna Gaskin, Pat Youman, Carl Trent, and Paula Wilson.

Minutes of Last Board meeting: Carole Dreher reported that April minutes had been published in the Gazette.

Vice President: Bob Archer reported that we have enough meeting places and educational topics to finish out the year.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin said she had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Pat Youman reported our balance. She noted that the check we sent to the IRS has been cashed, but we do not expect to hear results for several months.

COMMITTEES:

Giving Garden: Volunteers planted 150 pounds of potatoes in the garden on May 1, 2014. Bob Archer reported that the tomatoes at IVTech have thrips and do not look well. We do not want to spray them because of organic plants in the greenhouse. We will need to move them to another location so we can spray them. These are tomatoes scheduled to be sold at the Herb Faire on May 10th. Bob asked if we need a backup plan. We can perhaps sell some of the tomatoes scheduled to be planted in the Giving Garden since they are not infected. Verna might be able to pick up some flats of flowers at the Rockville Plant Auction. Bob said that he might be able to donate some Lily of the Valley plants to sell.

Gardens: Bill Hiatt was not present to report. Someone asked who is in charge of the butterfly Garden, no one knew. Verna said that the bed at 1st and Oak needs to be cleaned out.

Earth Day: Bob Archer said we did nothing at ISU. Pat Youman said that Earth Day at Saint Mary of the woods took place on an excellent day and that she and her fellow volunteers sold over \$400 worth of plants. They returned a few plants to the greenhouse.

Herb Fair: Verna said volunteers will meet on Thursday, May 8th to replant tomatoes. Verna will send out an email asking for volunteers. We may have to drop prices because of the problems with the tomatoes.

Garden Tour in June: We need more gardens to tour. So far we only have Bill Hiatt's.

Vigo County Fair: We need items to use for the stepping stones – old jewelry, broken tiles, pieces of pottery, etc. We are also in need of acrylic paint.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Youman, Angela Auterson, Phil Small, Carl Trent and Bob Archer are scheduled to attend the Purdue Master Gardener Conference.

Sam Ligget said that he has made some changes to the WVMGA Website.

There was discussion about the **tax exempt status**. Pat said that we had got back confirmation from the Post Office that our request for reinstatement had been delivered and the check has been cashed. Sam has asked Paula Wilson to

document dates for preparing and mailing forms relating to maintaining this status.

Bob Archer said that there was not enough interest in a trip to Indianapolis Gardens so the trip has been cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

A patio gardening class is being offered on May 14, 2014 from 12:00noon to 1:00pm which can be taken and counted for educational hours.

There was discussion about taking on new projects – one time or on-going.

Pat Secrest would like to be replaced as the Registered Agent (Contact Person) for the State of Indiana.

Bob Archer's Boat rides on the Wabash River from Fairbanks Park to Kearns Landing on May 30th and 31st, 10:00am. This event will take place depending on the weather and depth of the river. He will need someone to take people from the park to the landing and from the landing to the park. Verna said that she can get her son's van which can hold 10 people.

Announcements:

We were reminded that donations of 4 inch clay pots and acrylic paints are needed for use in Vigo County Fair projects (make and takes).

Pat Youman moved that the meeting be adjourned and Carl Trent seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned after 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

Next Board meeting will be at the Vigo County Public Library, Room C on June 5, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Next Planning and Scheduling meeting will be at the Ute Shelter in Deming Park at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Dreher, Recording Secretary.